

MAYOR AND COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION REPORT AND SUMMARY

MARCH 7, 2006

FROM: CITY MANAGER



1. ROLL CALL: 5:35 p.m.

The City Clerk announced that Susie Rogers is in attendance to provide Spanish translation assistance for anyone who needs it.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Robert E. Walkup, Vice-Mayor Steve Leal, Council Members Jose J. Ibarra, Carol West, Karin Uhlich, Shirley Scott, and Nina J. Trasoff, Kathleen S. Detrick, City Clerk

STAFF MEMBERS: Mike Hein, City Manager
Mike Letcher, Deputy City Manager
Mike Rankin, City Attorney

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Pastor Lujet McCullough, First United Methodist Church after which the Pledge of Allegiance was presented by the entire assembly.

PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation of the Week of March 13 – 19 as Strong Families and Strong Children Week

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<p>3. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS – MARCH7-06-108</p> <p>Council Member West announced that on Saturday March 11th at 10:00 a.m. the Wilmot Library is celebrating it's 40th Anniversary and along with that they will celebrate the change in name to the Lewis Murphy Memorial Wilmot Library. Council Member West congratulates the Library staff and hopes that the public will be present to help celebrate.</p>	

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4. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS
MARCH7-06-109

City Manager Mike Hein announced that the Tucson Police Department is in the final stages of planning and fundraising for the Memorial Plaza for Police Headquarters, 270 S. Stone Ave., which will be dedicated in June 2006. The Memorial Plaza will honor the Tucson Police officers killed in the line of duty and pay tribute to all law enforcement officers – past, present and future – who choose a career dedicated to safeguarding the residents of Tucson. The plaza design was conceived by a University of Arizona College of Landscape Architecture student, and will include a three-part bronze art piece created by a local renowned artist. TPD has received a federal grant to pay for part of the project and continue several fundraising initiatives, within their own agency and in the community, to cover the remaining costs. To date they have received over \$160,000 in private donations from members of the Tucson community, in addition to the \$82,500 in federal grant award. Sundt Construction Inc. has volunteered to be the General Contractor and they, along with numerous local sub-contractors have donated over \$100,00 in time and materials. This has truly been a positive partnership with the police department, local contractors and other members of the private sector. A groundbreaking ceremony is planned for Tuesday, March 14 at 10:00 AM on the front lawn of the Police Headquarters.

Deputy City Manager Mike Letcher announced that a new constituent comment recording system, NOVA, has been introduced to the Council offices and across the city. This replaces the old STAR system. The new system was developed by the Information Technology department and saves the City \$30,000 a year in software licenses fees, while allowing more time for the city to determine our needs for a more robust system in the future. The NOVA system has all the same overall functionality but provides greater ease in data entry and facilitation. The simplified interface allows for faster input of constituent calls and is a less cumbersome method to complete assignments. The new system is working very well and congratulations go to the Information Technology department.

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5. LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS – MARCH7-06-112

SUSHI TEN JAPANESE RESTAURANT, CITY # 07-06
ARTSAKE FOUNDATION, CITY # T02-06
CHICANOS POR LA CAUSA TUCSON, CITY # T03-06
ESCARAMUZA FLOR DE PRIMAVERA, CITY # T06-06
THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA FOUNDATION, CITY # T07-06
MONA LISA BAKERY, CITY # AC04-06

Council Member Ibarra MOVED and it was duly seconded to direct staff to forward these applications to the State Liquor Board with recommendations for approval.

Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.

C & T OIL COMPANY # 4, CITY # 09-06

Council Member Uhlich MOVED and it was duly seconded to direct staff to forward this application to the State Liquor Board with a recommendation for denial.

Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.

EL SI SENOR STEAK HOUSE, CITY # 10-06

Council Member Uhlich MOVED and it was duly seconded to direct staff to forward this application to the State Liquor Board with a recommendation for approval.

Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.

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6. C O N S E N T A G E N D A

*****ITEMS “F”, “G”, AND “J” WERE DELETED FROM THE
CONSENT AGENDA *****

A. FINANCE: DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING PROPOSED
SALE OF BONDS AND OTHER LONG-TERM FINANCINGS
AND CONSULTANT CONTRACTING – MARCH7-06-105

DIR. OF FINANCE

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<p>B. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT: WITH PIMA COUNTY FOR THE MARTIN LUTHER KING PROJECT AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND FUNDS – MARCH7-06-110</p> <p>RESOLUTION NO. 20296</p>	<p><u>DIR. OF COMMUNITY SERVICES</u></p>
<p>C. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT: WILMOT ROAD, BROADWAY BOULEVARD TO GOLF LINKS ROAD AND 28TH STREET, SWAN – BELVEDERE DISTRICT LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT – MARCH7-06-111</p> <p>RESOLUTION NO. 20294</p>	<p><u>DIR. OF FINANCE</u></p>
<p>D. ASSURANCE AGREEMENT: (S04-181) DESERT ENCLAVE SUBDIVISION, LOTS 1 TO 28 AND COMMON AREAS “A”, “B”, AND “C” – MARCH7-06-115</p> <p>RESOLUTION NO. 20297</p>	<p><u>DIR. OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</u></p>
<p>E. FINAL PLAT: (S04-181) DESERT ENCLAVE SUBDIVISION, LOTS 1 TO 28 AND COMMON AREAS “A”, “B”, AND “C” – MARCH7-06-106</p>	<p><u>DIR. OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</u></p>
<p>H. FINANCE: COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND TRANSFER TO TERRA DEL SOL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION – MARCH7-06-120</p> <p>RESOLUTION NO. 20299</p>	<p><u>DIR. OF BUDGET AND RESEARCH</u></p>
<p>I. FINANCE: COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND TRANSFER TO AMPHI HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT GRADUATION – MARCH7-06-121</p> <p>RESOLUTION NO. 20300</p>	<p><u>DIR. OF BUDGET AND RESEARCH</u></p>

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<p>Council Member West MOVED and it was duly seconded that items on the Consent Agenda (Except “F”, “G”, and “J”) be approved and/or adopted and proper action taken.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p>	
<p>F. BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS: CREATING THE RESOURCE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MARCH7-06-116</p> <p>ORDINANCE NO. 10259</p> <p>G. BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS: CREATING THE URBAN SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MARCH7-06-117</p> <p>ORDINANCE NO. 10258</p> <p>These items were sent to the Intelligent Growth Subcommittee.</p>	<p><u>CITY CLERK</u></p> <p><u>CITY CLERK</u></p>
<p>J. FINANCE: COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND TRANSFER TO THE NO MORE DEATHS BENEFIT CONCERT – MARCH7- 06-122</p> <p>RESOLUTION NO. 20301</p> <p>Council Member West MOVED and it was duly seconded to pass and adopt Resolution No. 20301 with the following additions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ward II contributing an additional \$100• Ward VI contributing an additional \$100 <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p>	<p><u>DIR. OF BUDGET AND RESEARCH</u></p>

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7. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

John Kromko spoke about handing over the libraries to the County. He displayed a list of impact fees for the cities in Arizona and feels that like these other cities, Tucson should charge impact fees for Police, Fire and Libraries instead of having the County raising property taxes to cover the libraries. He feels the savings from the libraries should be used to pay down the garbage fee.

Colleen Dugan requested that the Mayor and Council send the elephants to the sanctuary in Tennessee. She believes that once given the information, 99% of zoo patrons also support this request. She further stated that the response has been supportive of this request, without any solicitation from their group. She also states that children are compassionate by nature and also once they are also provided the information want the elephants moved to the sanctuary.

Michael LeHew spoke out about the needs of elephants that are not being taken care of at the Zoo, and requested that the Mayor and Council cancel the planned development of the new elephant enclosure and instead send the elephants to the sanctuary in Tennessee.

Stacey Wilkinson spoke out against building an 8 million dollar zoo exhibit and feels that the enclosure and funding would better help the other 500 animals being housed at the Zoo.

Denise Bolbol, a resident of the San Francisco Bay area and the leader of the movement that sent the San Francisco elephants to the sanctuary, spoke out against the planned expansion of elephant enclosure. She stated that the Zoo industry provides misleading information about the health of elephants. She cited a 2003 journal article from the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians citing that of the captive elephants in the 69 AZA Zoos that were studied, 73% have muscular-skeletal disorders/trauma. She further stated that next the City will be threatened with the Tucson Zoo losing their accreditation, even though this has not happened to any other Zoo that sent their elephants to the sanctuary.

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7. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE (Continued from previous page)

Nikia Fico again requested that the City Council place the issue of having Reid Park Zoo transfer their elephants to the Refuge in Tennessee on a Mayor and Council Agenda. She feels that the petition of 4,000 signatures supporting her request is more compelling than the 256 form letters received in support of keeping the elephants. She presented Connie's medical records which list foot problems she has continued to have over the past few years.

Mary Pollack requested that the Mayor and Council put the elephants in their proper environment and send the elephants to the sanctuary in Tennessee.

Maru Vigo, a schoolteacher, spoke about all the tools available these days to teach kids about elephants and that keeping them at the zoo is not needed. She feels that based on research on past incidents, it is only a matter of time until one of the elephants attacks and harms a handler or a patron. She wants her students to be proud of Tucson for sending the elephants to the sanctuary of Tennessee.

Michael Toney spoke about a meeting with Amelia Cramer, an attorney for Pima County and says a letter is forthcoming. He also requested that the Tucson Police Department enforce the noise ordinance 50-foot limit for noise coming out of cars. He also spoke about a cost analysis for red 'ruby' laser computers and he will provide more information in the future.

10. PUBLIC SAFETY: DOWNTOWN BUILDING PROJECTS – MARCH7-06-119

(this item was taken out of order)

Council Member Trasoff MOVED and it was duly seconded to approve the City Manager's request.

Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.

FIRE CHIEF

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8. CITY MAGISTRATES: APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL CITY
MAGISTRATE – MARCH7-06-114

ORDINANCE NO. 10257

Council Member Scott MOVED and it was duly seconded to pass and
adopt Ordinance No. 10257.

Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.

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9. ZONING: (C9-05-24) YOUNG - TANQUE VERDE ROAD, SR TO R-1,
CITY MANAGER'S REPORT (CONTINUED FROM THE MEETING
OF FEBRUARY 7, 2006) – MARCH7-06-113

Council Member West MOVED and it was duly seconded to continue this
item to the meeting of April 25, 2006.

Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.

DIR. OF DEVELOPMENT
SERVICES
AGENDA COMMITTEE

11. TUCSON CODE: AMENDING (CHAPTER 21) RELATING TO
ADJUSTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FEES – MARCH7-
06-118

ORDINANCE NO. 10260

Vice-Mayor Leal MOVED and it was duly seconded to pass and adopt
Ordinance No. 10260.

Council Member Trasoff offered an amendment to Section 15 of the
ordinance to indicate a May 24th, 2006 implementation date for the changes
to the swim fees, to coincide with the beginning of the swim season.

Amendment accepted by the maker.

Motion as amended PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.

DIR. OF PARKS
AND RECREATION

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12. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND CITY CLERK
COMMISSIONS – MARCH7-06-107

Council Member Uhlich MOVED and it was duly seconded to appoint John E. Carlson, Sr. to the Citizens' Transportation Advisory Committee.

Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.

13. ADJOURNMENT: 6:48 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 255 West Alameda, Tucson, Arizona.

The meeting of March 14, 2006 has been cancelled.